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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: R.V. Bladen Attorney Docket No.: ENGD121757
Application No.: 10/804,573 Art Unit: 3679 / Confirmation No.: 7077
Filed: March 18, 2004 Examiner: E. Garcia
Title: CONNECTION ASSEMBLY APPARATUS AND METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

January 11, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Response to Restriction Requirement Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is a response to a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required.

B. Additional documents

Additionally transmitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement.

C. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 11, 2005, set to expire on November 11, 2005, be extended by 2 months, to expire on January 11, 2006. The enclosed check includes the 2-month extension fee of \$225.

D. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 168256 in the amount of \$225.00 to cover the required fee for the request for extension of time.

E. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request

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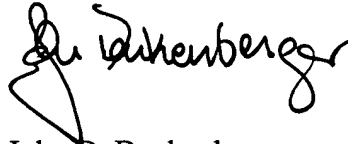
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for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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